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1. CONGEN OFFICER INFORMALLY DISCUSSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH SUDEPE/UNDP-FAO SCIENTIST DEC 16, 75. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT PASSAGE OF US LAW WHICH INCLUDED PROVISION AGAINST US IMPORT OF BRAZILIAN LOBSTER WOULD BE VIEWED AS CALAMITY IN BRAZIL. ON OTHER HAND, HE SUGGESTED THAT DESPITE BRAZILIAN RELUCTANCE TO ADMIT IT, LOBSTER GROUNDS WERE BEING OVER-WORKED AND DECLINING AVERAGE SIZE OF EXPORTED BRAZILIAN LOBSTER TAILS DEMONSTRATED THIS. (HE ESTIMATED CURRENT AVERAGE SIZE TO BE IN THE RANGE OF 2-3 OUNCES AS AGAINST 5-6 OUNCES IN PAST YEARS.) THUS HE FELT THAT LAW WITH ANTI-IMPORT PROVISION WOULD ULTIMATELY BE BENEFICIAL TO BRAZIL BY FORCING MORE RATIONAL USE OF LOBSTER GROUNDS OVER LONG TERM. FINALLY, HE PREDICTED THAT IN ABSENCE OF CONTROLS, LOBSTER INDUSTRY IN BRAZIL WOULD FACE SEVERE DECLINE IN 2-3 YEARS DUE TO OVERFISHING.

2. REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT CATCH OF UNDERSIZE LOBSTER DO EXIST IN BRAZIL BUT ARE RARELY ENFORCED AND ARE CONSIDERED ALMOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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